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# ONLY SKILL CAN LIFT OUR SOCCER

*Happy embrace after the second Australian goal (above); the Socceroos before the Sydney game against Mexico (below).*

*— By Andrew Dettre —*

**The 2-2 with Mexico last Sunday was a creditable result, the team's overall performance was up to expectations.**

The trouble is — our expectations are not high enough.

The Socceroos still play their tedious stop-start type of soccer, with most moves predictable, transparent — and dull.

This, of course, is not the fault of the national coach: he could not alter the fundamentally simplistic style of players. Only club coaches can.

Depressingly enough, the Australian national team's style and class remains unchanged from year to year.

Players are seen kicking the ball instead of stroking it; they give it almost invariably, to the man closest to them whether he is marked or not.

Far too many of our internationals need two or three touches of the ball before giving a pass: they adjust it, measure the distance to their boot and then comes the visible effort.

One-touch soccer is still a dream — the type that every country has acquired with the exception of us, New Zealand and perhaps Canada.

It makes no difference whether it's a Korean, Yugoslav, Irish or Mexican team that we play against: the difference in fundamental skills always becomes painfully apparent.

What is lacking from the play of the Socceroos — and most of our club teams — is flair, color, risk-taking: the unpredictability.

We don't attack: we lurch forward in a cumbersome way, usually chasing long, aimless high "passes."

Australian teams still play with orthodox defenders who can only defend — while the world-wide trend is to have 10 totally versatile players.

Good soccer always starts from the back: without an intelligent build-up at the rear, the rest of the team is bound to malfunction.

It's an awful pity that the traditional virtues of Australian soccer — strength, height,stamina, determination — are still negated by our seeming inability to 'play' the game rather than strain at it.

Gutendorf cannot change all this; neither could Menotti, Derwall, Miljanic or any other top coach.

Our whole approach to coaching — and playing — has to be changed, from PSL down to the kids frolicking in the park on Saturday mornings.

Otherwise we are doomed to continue playing our rather tedious type of 'fightball' instead of adopting the infinitely more enjoyable true football.

# PSL TITLE RACE TIGHT

**The 1980 Philips League championship race will enter its final phase this weekend.**

None of the three title aspirants, Heidelberg, Sydney City and Marconi can afford to drop a point — yet they might.

All three teams have had a heavy demand on their stars against Mexico — and the question is, which will come through with the least ill-effects.

Heidelberg will face Adelaide City in Melbourne on Saturday, Sydney City will be hosts to Brisbane City while Marconi — the most heavily taxed club for Socceroos — travels to Brisbane to play Lions.

On paper, all three should collect maximum points and keep the title race tight.

The issue at the bottom may be resolved by Sunday evening.

Blacktown will play Leichhardt at Gabbie Stadium and even a draw would save the League's greenhorns, dooming St.George to certain relegation.

*Marconi's brilliant, unpredictable playmaker Roberto Vieri on whose stooped shoulders may rest the fate of his team — last year's PSL champions, still with a chance for a repeat.*

# 2 TO 6

*Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna*

**MACQUARIE UNI** (5th div.) repeated their efforts of last weekend, with a first grade win and a second grade draw against Top Four opponents. This time, the unfortunate recipients of the Macquarie fighting qualities were the second placed Winston Hills. Goals by Tony Bell and Kerrie McKay gave the students first grade 2-0 lead. Earlier in the afternoon the second grade teams had fought out an exciting 3-3 draw, with Macquarie having the better of the first half, a Dale Blackadder goal giving them a 1-0 lead. Two goals soon after the resumption saw Winston Hills take the lead before Macquarie equalised with a Chris Ryan penalty. With five minutes to go a draw seemed likely but a second Blackadder goal immediately after the penalty regained the lead for Macquarie before a last second goalby the Hills gave them a point.

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**GUILDFORD COUNTY** (2nd div.) first grade 3-0 win over Lane Cove gave Guildford County the 2nd division premiership. The game started with sloppy play from both teams, then in the 30th minute, Martyn Hoare opened the score for Guildford from a goalmouth scramble. Eight minutes later, Hoare struck again after Stephen Moss did a job of splitting the Lane Cove defence; slipped the ball to Martyn to score. Three minutes into the second half Hoare, yet again played a part in the third goal with some good work on the ball down the sideline with a good cross to Graham Robinson to net. For coach Mal O'Neill, this is his premier 1st grade premiership win. His ability to win and maintain the respect of all players shows it won't be his last.

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**GLENQUARRIE UTD.** (6th div.) have taken out the minor premiership in 6th division with a 3-2 win over Hawkesbury. Hawkesbury took the lead three minutes into the game with a goal by V. Tapidinitriou after some very fine work by Hawkesbury. The game continued at a very fast past with Glenquarrie attacking and it took them 15 minutes to equalise when Tony Wood found the back of the net with a nicely placed ball. With the score level, both teams tried hard, giving it all they had. With ten minutes to go in the first half Guenter Distler scored for Glenquarrie after the goalie had mishandled the ball. In the second half, the pace was a cracker with Hawkesbury trying to level the score but to no avail. It wes 25 minutes into this half that Tony Wood scored a fine goal from a beautiful cross from outside the box.
Five minutes later Hawkesbury came back and scored and with only nine men on the field they attacked with everything but were unable to pull one back to level. Reserve grade saw Glenquarrie open the scoring in the first minute after a long throw-in by Rudi Mula found the back of the net after being touched by the 'keeper. The game was played at a fast pace and with two minutes before half-time Hawkesbury leveled from a penalty. Eighteen minutes into the second half, Les Hutchin headed in a goal after a freekick. Five minutes from the end, Jeff Arnold scored from a loose ball. For their first year in Federation, Glenquarrie Utd.'s (the Gunners) premiership win is a dream come true.

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**GUILDFORD COUNTY** (2nd div.) will be conducting their sixth Festival of Nations Knock-Out competition over the following dates: 21st, 23rd, 26th, 28th, 30th October and 2nd Nov. Sixteen teams will compete for the Shield from 4th, 5th and 6th divisions, Sydney Amateur League and Association teams. Eight teams from 2nd and 3rd divisions will compete for the Round Robin Trophy. Any clubs wishing to enquire should phone Val Hokin on 604 3193. Entries close on 26th September.

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**WEST ST.GEORGE** (5th div.) took out the 5th division reserve grade premiership for the second year running when they overcame Camden 2-1 in a hard fought game. Bob Chalmers was the hero with two goals. First grade made a welcome return to form winning 4-2 after being down 1-2 at halftime. Alan Piggott was man of the match with three goals. Dave Hooper was the other scorer. It was a hard and fast game played in slippery conditions following a deluge of rain at the break between first and reserve grades. The stage is set for a thrilling finish for both grades with first grade one point out of the fina four at present with three teams fighting for 3rd and 4th spot in reserve grade.

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**NORTH RYDE** (3rd div.) were lucky to return home with one point after playing Hurstville Zagreb at Evatt Park. The first half ended 0-0 although Hurstville had the upper hand and many of their attacks just fizzled in the North Ryde goalmouth. Three minutes after the interval Frank Bakvac scored for Hurstville, and this lead was maintained for about 20 minutes. A scramble in the Hurstville goalmouth resulted in the equaliser scored by Mrk Currow. Hurstville had the opportunity to regain the lead when awarded a penalty but the shot taken by Tom Poljak was off target. The game which ended with a 1-1 draw saw three players sent off.

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**PADDINGTON SPANISH** (4th div.) lost their chance of finishing premiers when they went down 2-1 to Revesby Rovers. The Spanish side was persistent in attack starting the build-up in the midfield but a good performance by the Revesby goalkeeper, Kevin Dillon, saved the day for the home side. Alan Donahue scored the first goal for Revesby and within minutes the Spanish were even. With two minutes to go the Spanish hopes were dashed when Ken Marshall grabbed the winning goal for the home side.

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**SYDNEY UNIVERSITY** (3rd div.) caused an upset when defeating Kingsford 2-1. The game started hard and was at times mingled with lost tempers. The first half produced no goals but five minutes into the second half Kingsford went one goal up, scored from a direct freekick taken by Peter Page. Sydney Uni were awarded a penalty which Geoffrey Goldstein converted for the equaliser. Ten minutes from the finish Brett Le Hay took a freekick taking the ball high over the Kingsford players. Goldstein arrested the ball to slam it into the net with a powerful shot.

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**EASTERN CREEK** (4th div.) is now the clear leader of the division after defeating Maroubra 3-1 with all the Easterners' goals coming in the first half. Rick Buss curled the ball around a wall of defenders to score the first goal from a freekick. A few minutes later Joe Piplica had the ball at the wing, passed into the penalty area to the centre forward Dave Nolan who tackled a defender to score. Dave Nolan scored again a few minutes later and from an identical situation again aided by Joe Piplica.

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**PADSTOW PARK** (4th div.) played Eastwood St.Andrews in a hard fought but very entertaining game that ended in 4-4 draw. Eastwood, assisted by strong winds, produced many attacks which resulted in a 2-4 score at halftime. The first goal of the match was a header scored for Padstow by Gary Crayfoot and Eastwood followed with a goal scored by Gary Simpson which resulted from a through-ball. Eastwood went into the lead a few minutes later when a bobbing ball in the goal area was powerfully hammered in by Graham Spring from 20 metres. A breakaway and a defensive error helped Greg Hinds to score the second goal for Padstow. Eastwood went ahead again when Gary Sherringham took the ball to by-line at left wing then kicking it over into the penalty area for Graham Spring to score with a header. The fourth goal for Eastwood was scored by Peter Barron. After the interval Padstow come back with another goal by Gary Crayfoot and 10 minutes later Mick Farrell cleverly lobbed the ball over the head of the outcoming goalkeeper for the 4-4 equaliser.

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# FIRST DIVISION

*— By Charles Spiteri —*

**A goal by Geoff Thoms 30 seconds from the end robbed Bathurst of a valuable point which could have seen them in third place behind PSL teams Marconi and Blacktown City.**

Bathurst could only draw 1-1 at home against lowly Penrith and now lie in fourth place behind Wollongong who also drew 0-0 against Blacktown United.

Bathurst led most of the way with a goal by Paul Waine but in the final seconds, coach Stan Ackerley (who came in as a replacement) sent through one of his famous long throws into the goalmouth for Peter Lewis who flicked the ball to the unmarked Thoms to score from close range.

Leaders Marconi and runners-up Blacktown City played a scoreless draw in a light game which saw many opportunities squandered by poor shooting.

Wollongong, without their captain John Bingham, were a little disjointed against Blacktown United particularly in the first half. They played better after the interval but still dropped a valuable point.

St.George dropped from third place to fifth following their defeat at the hands of Leichhardt.

Morlando gave them the lead early but Drews equalised just before half-time then Leichhardt scored another two goals in the second half to ensure victory.

A goal by Terry Murray midway through the second half was enough to see his side win against University which is still troubled by several injuries.

Sydney City had no problem against bottom placed Warringah, scoring a runaway 4-0 victory.

### ST. GEORGE v LEICHHARDT 2-3

**St.George:** Wotton, Rendell, Johnson, Holmik, Tuntevski, Smith, Gnavi, Morlando, Dredge, Beardow, Fraser. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
**Leichhardt:** Hoare, Brancato, Brown, Gaitatzis, Casachia, Martin (Bass), Ius, Triantafyllou, Savidis, Drews, De Ciglie. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
**Goals:** Morlando, Fraser; Drews (2), Ius.

*RODOLFO GNAVI*

### BELMORE v UNI OF NSW 1-0

**Belmore:** Hawthorne, Cruger, Martin, Aurish, Vergos, Murray, De Mestre, Billinghurst, Kirwin (Roberts), Franks, Reynolds. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
**Uni of NSW:** Galen, Tomasich, T. Popovich, Dwyer, Hughes, Kay, Kelly, Keluwin, Harris, Benecke, Sackett. **Coach:** R. Harbour.
**Goals:** Murray.

### WARRINGAH v SYDNEY CITY 0-4

**Warringah:** Hersee, Collins, Friend, Rice, Morris, Euers, Van der Saag, Duncan, Sturgess, S. Beverley (Carpenter), Sandtner. **Coach:** Z. Napta.

**Sydney City:** Berry, Sorge, Svynos, Gomez, Fonseca, Borges, Henry, Spanos, Pettas, De Silva, Killey. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.

**Goals:** De Silva (2), Henry (2).

### BLACKTOWN UNITED v WOLLONGONG 0-0

**Blacktown:** Rentovetsky, Miller, Eldridge, Casey, Hannish, Svarc, Crone, Clarke, Taylor, De Valle, Boland (Meharg). **Coach:** D. Zeman.
**Wollongong:** Vardereff, Montecchi, Campbell, Vliestra, Talevski, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, Terziouvski, Petkovski, Giraldi, Fontana. **Coach:** M. Johnson.

### MARCONI v BLACKTOWN CITY 0-0

**Marconi:** Veneri, Colderan, Swaine, Tomasich, Masonwells, Morson, Dulisse, Stark, Polzot, Scheinflug, Kelly. **Coach:** L. Nesti.

**Blacktown City:** Freeman, Rasmussen, D. Campbell, Pena, Cuff, Blundell, Dolton, (Berrigan), B. Campbell, Manning, Landon, Pearson. **Coach:** A. Edmondson.

### BATHURST v PENRITH 1-1

**Bathurst:** Coles, Bulloch, G. Hadley, G. Pickup, Barlow, Waine, A. Pickup, Dwyer, Judge, Woodruff, P. Hadley. **Coach:** J. Judge.
**Penrith:** Gibson, Rhodes, Gaskin, G. Thoms, Dunn, Hackney, M. Bemer, G. Bemer, Dimattia (Ackerley), Hobart, Lewis. **Coach:** S. Ackerley.
**Goals:** Waine; Thoms.

### YUGAL v POLONIA 0-1

**Yugal:** Not available.
**Polonia:** Greenfield, Svigelj (Pahor), O'Donovan, R. Budini, Hardy, Crowthers, Illingworth, Maitre (McRory), Wisniewski, Strzelecki, A. Budini. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.
**Goals:** Strzelecki.

## THIS WEEK SYDNEY DRAWS

### DIVISION 2

Campbelltown v Gladesville Ravens, Sun., Lynwood; Baulkham Hills v North Bankstown, Sun., Ted Horwood Res.; Marrickville v Gladesville Horns., Sun., Mackey Park; Dee Why v Queens Park E/S, Sun., Dee Why Oval; Yagoona v Guildford County, Sun., O'Neill Park; Lane Cove v Lethbridge Rangers, Sun., Pottery Green.

### DIVISION 3

West Ryde Rovers v Sydney Uni, Sat., L.H. Waud S/G; Kingsford v Artarmon, Sun., Turruwull Park; Port Hacking v Bonnyrigg Eagles, Sat., Seymour Shaw Park; Wenty Waratahs v Hurstville-Zagreb, Sun., Centenary Park; North Ryde v Bondi Marines, Sun., North Ryde Oval; Liverpool Albions v Riverstone, Sun., Stanwell Oval.

### DIVISION 4

Revesby Rovers v Ryde District, Sun., Amour Park; Fairfield Kiev v Chelsea, Sun., Knight Park No. 4; West Holroyd G/C v Eastern Creek, Sun., West Guildford; Maroubra Utd. v Padstow Park, Sun., Coral Sea Park; Eastwood S/A v Paddington Spanish, Sat., Eastwood Oval.

### DIVISION 5

Concordia v Macquarie Uni, Sat., Marrickville Oval; Winston Hills v Camden, Sun., Max Ruddock Res.; West St.George v Edensor Park, Sun., Evatt Park; Fairfield West v Pagewood, Sat., Parkes Reserve; Haberfield B/D's v Auburn Juniors, Sun., Beaman Park; North Rocks v Sydney Maccabi, Sun., Murray Farm Reserve.

### DIVISION 6

Liverpool Rangers v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Ireland Park; Glenquarie Utd. v Mt.Pritchard, Sun., Bensley Rd. S/Complex; South Sydney Dist. v Blacktown Wands. Sun., Booralee Park; Green Valley Utd. v Chullora, Sun., Blamfield Park; Moorebank v Liverpool City, Sun., Hammondville Park; Bankstown Sports v Liverpool United, Sun., Condell Park H/S.


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## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

### STATE LEAGUE

| | I | II | III |
|---|---|---|---|
| N.S.Inter v Manly | 2-1 | 0-3 | 1-1 |
| Arncliffe v Sutherland | 5-2 | 1-3 | 0-2 |
| Ku-ring-gai v Croatia | 3-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| Melita v Bankstown | — | 5-1 | 4-0 |
| N.S.Inter v Parramatta | — | — | 1-2 |

**DIVISION 1**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yugal v Polonia | 0-1 | 2-6 | 0-1 |
| Bathurst v Penrith | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 |
| Warringah v Syd. City | 0-4 | 0-8 | 1-2 |
| Marconi v Blackt'n City | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| St.George v Leichhardt | 2-3 | 1-2 | 2-1 |
| Belmore v Uni of NSW | 1-0 | 4-0 | 3-2 |
| Blackt'n Utd.v Woll'gong | 0-0 | 4-0 | 0-3 |
| Marconi v Leichhardt | — | 0-2 | — |
| Yugal v Sydney City | — | 0-3 | 4-5 |

**DIVISION 2**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Glad.Ravens v Baulk.Hill | 0-1 | 7-0 | 5-1 |
| Nth Bankst'n v Marr'ville | 1-2 | 1-1 | 6-1 |
| Glad.Hornsby v Dee Why | 5-0 | 4-3 | 3-0 |
| Guildford v Lane Cove | 3-0 | 3-0 | 2-0 |
| Queens Park v Yagoona | 3-0 | 3-0 | 5-1 |
| Camp'town v Lethbridge | 3-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 |

**DIVISION 3**

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|---|---|---|
| Sydney Uni. v Kingsford | 2-1 | 3-2 |
| Artarmon v Pt.Hacking | 5-1 | 4-0 |
| Bondi v L'pool Albions | 0-0 | 3-4 |
| Bonnyrigg v Wenty | 2-1 | 0-1 |
| Hurstville v Nth.Ryde | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| West Ryde v Riverstone | 0-0 | 0-2 |

**DIVISION 4**

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|---|---|---|
| Chelsea v Canley Hts. | 2-4 | 1-6 |
| Eastern Crk v Maroubra | 3-1 | 6-0 |
| Ryde Dist. v Fairfield | 1-6 | 0-4 |
| Padstow Pk v Eastwood | 4-4 | 3-4 |
| Revesby v Paddington | 2-1 | 2-1 |

**DIVISION 5**

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|---|---|---|
| Edensor Pk v Fairfield W. | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Concordia v Syd.Macc. | 2-1 | 0-1 |
| Macq. Uni v Winston Hill | 2-1 | 3-3 |
| Camden v W.St.George | 2-4 | 1-2 |
| Pagewood v Haberf'ld | 2-3 | 4-0 |
| Auburn Jnrs.v Nth.Rocks | 1-4 | 0-2 |

**DIVISION 6**

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|---|---|---|
| Blacktown v Green Vall. | 1-3 | 1-1 |
| Hawkesbury v Glenquar. | 2-3 | 1-3 |
| Mt.Pritchard v Sth.Syd. | 4-3 | 1-2 |
| Chullora v Moorebank | 1-0 | 2-4 |
| L'pool City v Bankstown | 6-0 | 3-0 |
| L'pool Rang.v L'pool Utd. | 0-2 | 1-1 |


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# ASF PLANS, TV OUT ON SEPT. 13

*ASF president Sir Arthur George*

**A major announcement will be made by the ASF on Saturday, September 13, regarding a range of marketing and promotional activities.**

The same day details of a TV package will also be made public.

The venue for this special ASF gathering will be the Hakoah club, in Sydney.

The day before, the PSL Council of Clubs will meet in Sydney.

Neither ASF nor PSL sources would reveal any details of the TV deal which has been signed some weeks ago.

Everybody takes it for granted that the arrangement is with one of the commercial channels.

However, we are not so sure and wouldn't be surprised if the channel turned out to be the ABC.

For what other valid reason would the ASF have allowed the ABC to televise the Mexican game in Sydney and ruin its gate takings if not as an 'introductory offer' to a long-term deal?

*PSL Chairman Frank Lowy*

## PAST RESULTS

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Heidelberg v Adelaide City | 1-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 |
| Sth.Melbourne v Footscray | 0-2 | 4-0 | 1-1 |
| West Adelaide v Canberra | 0-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 |
| Sydney City v Brisbane City | 3-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 |
| Blacktown v Leichhardt | — | — | — |
| Brisbane Lions v Marconi | 1-1 | 0-3 | 0-4 |

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

| | AGGREGATE P | W | D | L | F | A | ± | P | HOME P | W | D | L | F | A | P | AWAY P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 (2) HEIDELBERG | 21 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 45 | 24 | +21 | 30 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| 2 (1) SYDNEY CITY | 21 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 40 | 19 | +21 | 30 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 9 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 10 | 14 |
| 3 (3) MARCONI | 21 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 44 | 24 | +20 | 28 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 28 | 10 | 17 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 14 | 11 |
| 4 (4) SOUTH MELBOURNE | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 32 | 19 | +13 | 26 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 9 | 15 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 11 |
| 5 (6) NEWCASTLE | 22 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 24 | 25 | − 1 | 25 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 10 |
| 6 (5) ADELAIDE CITY | 21 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 35 | 25 | +10 | 23 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 4 | — | 6 | 16 | 16 | 8 |
| 7 (6) BRISBANE LIONS | 21 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 26 | 27 | − 1 | 21 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 19 | 10 |
| 8 (9) CANBERRA | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 29 | 24 | + 5 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 14 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 10 | 10 |
| 9 (8) FOOTSCRAY | 21 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 27 | 33 | − 6 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 17 | 18 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 8 |
| 10(10) BRISBANE CITY | 21 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 25 | 28 | − 3 | 17 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 10 | 11 | 10 | — | 6 | 4 | 9 | 18 | 6 |
| 11(11) LEICHHARDT | 21 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 23 | 32 | − 9 | 17 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 2 | — | 9 | 10 | 19 | 4 |
| 12(12) BLACKTOWN | 21 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 30 | 49 | −19 | 16 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 35 | 3 |
| 13(13) WEST ADELAIDE | 21 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 18 | 40 | −22 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 11 | — | 1 | 10 | 8 | 28 | 1 |
| 14(14) ST.GEORGE | 22 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 24 | 53 | −29 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 26 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 27 | 6 |

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE PSL

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Heidelberg | v Adelaide City | Olympic Park | 3pm |

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Sth.Melb. | v Footscray | Middle Park | 3pm |
| West Adel. | v Canberra City | Hindmarsh Stad. | 2.30 |
| Sydney City | v Brisb.City | Sydney Ath.Field | 3pm |
| Blackt.City | v Leichhardt | Gabbie Stadium | 3pm |
| Brisb. Lions | v Marconi-Ffld. | Lions Stadium | 3pm |

***NEXT WEEK***

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (Round 23)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| St.George | v Heidelberg | Barton Stadium | 3pm |
| Adelaide City | v Sth.Melb. | Olympic Spts.Fld. | 2.30 |
| Footscray | v West Adel. | Western Oval | 3pm |
| Canberra City | v Sydney City | Bruce Stadium | 3pm |
| Brisbane City | v Blackt'n City | Perry Park | 3pm |
| Leichhardt | v Brisb.Lions | Lambert Park | 3pm |
| Marconi-F'ffd | v Newcastle | Marconi Stadium | 3pm |

## A lot of Saints...

St.George have established a new PSL record: in their 22 matches this season they have used 27 players.

The previous highest was Mooroolbark's 26 in 1977 — in 26 games. So the Saints can still go further.

From their 1979 squad 12 players have gone, most of them transferred, two retired.

This season the Saints have acquired 15 new players — 12 of them signed from other clubs, three of them their own products.

Not twice have St.George played in the same formation this year.

All this just in case anybody wonders what happened to this once great club...

*One of the many expensive flops of St.George, Nick Fenoughty: played in two games, was dropped — and is back in Britain.*


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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

*You can lie in many different ways. One of the more subtle forms is through omission. You simply don't tell the whole truth — or any of it.*

*This is what the Federal Government is doing now, with the help of the daily newspapers.*

*In recent weeks, there has been quite a bit of publicity given to the Australian Institute of Sport which will open in Canberra in about four months.*

*Quite a few eulogies have been written about the plan and what marvellous results this will bring.*

*Only last Sunday former St.George player Geoff Bird — himself an applicant for the post of Administrator — was quoted in a newspaper:*

*"The concept is great. Mr. Ellicott must take a bow as he has done a lot on his own bat..."*

*As they say, the early bird gets the worm; perhaps Geoff will get the job, if Bob Ellicott is suitably impressed.*

*The trouble is that neither Ellicott nor the present Government had anything to do with the original idea, concept and plan — yet, through a compliant Press, cynically takes credit for it.*

*Let's see the facts which can be proved.*

*On September 25, 1974, the then Minister for Tourism and Recreation in the Whitlam Government, Frank Stewart, appointed a study group to report on the feasibility of establishing a National Sports Institute in Australia.*

*The study group had eight members including Rale Rasic, then the coach of the national soccer team and myself, then press secretary to Frank Stewart.*

*The group's chairman was Dr. Allan Coles, then head of the Department of Human Movement Studies at the University of Queensland — and today head of the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation.*

*In November-December 1974, six members of the study group, Rasic and myself included, went on a long overseas tour for the Government to examine the best examples of sports institutes.*

*In two groups of three, we visited Cologne and Malente (West Germany), Moscow, Warsaw, Tel Aviv, Vejle in Denmark, Paris, Macolin in Switzerland, Stockholm and then, myself alone, the German Sports Confederation and German Sports Aid offices in Frankfurt.*

*Later, after months of painstaking work, the Report on the feasibility of the Sports Institute was duly written (289 pages of it) and published (in November 1975) in book form.*

*However, before the Report could be presented to Parliament, having already received Cabinet approval, came the historic events which led to the controversial dismissal of the Whitlam Government by the Governor General.*

*The Report contained 30 recommendations — including, naturally, the establishment of the Sports Institute, in Canberra, as a semi-autonomous body.*

*Indeed, the Report was the most comprehensive study ever undertaken on the structure and future of Australian sport.*

*For years, the idea (and Report) gathered dust somewhere in the labyrinths of Canberra's bureaucracy — and now it has been revived.*

*Needless to say I'm delighted that the concept, which was actually born during endless nights of discussions between Frank Stewart (who died last year) and myself, is becoming a reality.*

*But to attribute the concept and plan to the present Government is somewhat disturbing.*

*So far I have not seen one honest tribute by Bob Ellicott to Frank Stewart's pioneering work.*

*Amazingly enough, the daily newspapers, despite their vast research resources such as files and clippings, have also avoided mentioning the origin of the plan.*

*Yet Bob Ellicott knows the facts and so do their departmental officers, including Graham Dempster who was even then heavily involved.*

*Seemingly, everything is fair in war and love — and politics.*

*Bob Ellicott — who in 1974 and 1975 didn't even know what a Sports Institute was — is now basking in the limelight as the benefactor of Australian sport, graciously accepting tributes to his vision and daring.*

*I don't think it would have hurt him or his election prospects to be honest and give due credit where such credit is due.*

*But this, obviously, is just not done in Australian politics or Press.*

**— Andrew Dettre**


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# WE BLEW IT, TO COYNE A PHRASE

— By Andrew Dettre —

## AUSTRALIA v MEXICO 2-2

**Vastly under-rated after their New Zealand debacle, the very young Mexican team earned a draw against the Socceroos in Sydney.**

For most of the match they gave a skilful exhibition of close-pattern soccer of the Latin American variety, very similar to the styles of Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and others.

It may not be everybody's cup of tea, of course — but then neither is the dreary brand so many of our British visitors show us.

Obviously enjoying the bone-dry surface and warm conditions, the Mexicans packed their midfield, drawing a screen across the pitch and dictated play for most of the first half.

And yet, it was Australia who could have gone into a good lead.

In the 6th minute Boden broke through with a brilliant run and was literally yanked to the ground by a defender — but failed to earn even a freekick.

Four minutes later Rodriguez punched out a shot and Henderson's fierce volley again had to be saved by the goalie.

Then, in the 23rd minute, Krncevic's close header was fingertipped over the bar.

**Despite these sorties, the Socceroos weren't playing well at all: the movements were staccato, the distribution sloppy.**

There was no rhythm in the team; the attacks weren't built but simply lurched forward through, their own momentum.

Mexico looked dangerous on the breakaways and, in the 25th minute, Luna's cross was hammered by Castro against the crossbar, a kind of warning.

**Six minutes before halftime the warning was cashed in. Luna's precision cross floated over Prskalo and there was Castro to head home from a few metres.**

The halftime team changes worked well for Gutendorf: Henderson moved to the defence to replace Muir and Yzendoorn came in to pep up the tentative midfield.

Up front Jankovics replaced O'Connor but this change was of very limited consequence.

Still, the Socceroos began to put their moves together infinitely better than in the first half: Barnes became authoritative, Perry found his timing while in midfield Krncevic and Yzendoorn gradually broke down the tight Mexican screen.

The Australian attacks became more coherent — and in the 57th minute a goal was their reward.

**Barnes' long throw-in was headed on by Krncevic then Sharne and Jankovics' shot was clearly handled by Manzo on the line; Boden elegantly converted the penalty.**

Perry's shot deflected off a defender and sailed over the bar in the 66th minute; Mexico were now on the defensive.

**In the 73rd minute the Socceroos hit the lead. Following Henderson's freekick Krncevic's header was met by Yzendoorn; his header changed direction on a defender and rolled into the "wrong" corner.**

This, really, should have been it; victory seemed certain.

But a silly error proved costly. In the 84th minute Coyne lost a ball and after a swift counter-attack on the left flank Gonzalez volleyed home a good cross.

Perhaps the final result was fair; there was little between the teams except for their contrasting styles.

Certainly not enough for them to deserve the splendid Aztec Stadium and us to deserve the Cricket Ground.

**It took a long time for Australia to begin looking like a team; then, when they had the match won, through sheer carelessness threw it away again.**

It was predictable that we will not be able to match the Mexicans in pure technical skills and we didn't.

But our downfall was — if a good draw can be called a downfall — that we seldom displayed our traditional virtues either.

Sharne, for example, was not used properly, especially in quick counter-attacks where he is so deadly.

Far too often the Socceroos — even the experienced Henderson — were caught in possession and then left behind.

The defence looked safer in the second half while the midfield was incomparably more effective once Yzendoorn joined the party.

**Henderson, Barnes, Krncevic, Perry and Yzendoorn were perhaps the best of the team; Krncevic, in the role of the roving midfielder, was highly effective.**

Mexico produced what was generally expected: a high degree of team-work, good individual skill but also lack of punch and dubious stamina.

In a way they reminded one of a good Korean side without their speed.

It's a pity that on far too many occasions they felt it necessary to resort to shirt-pulling and sly tripping.

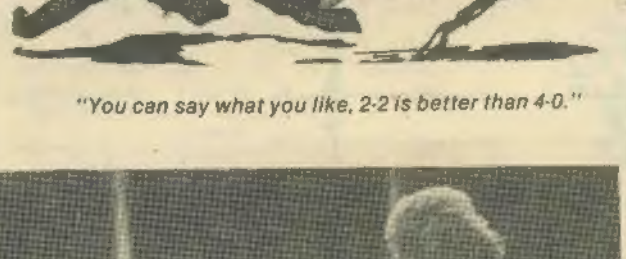
One also had the feeling that Mexico could be a much better side if they decided to go forward more.

**AUSTRALIA:** Woodhouse, Perry, Muir, (Yzendoorn 46m), Tansey, Henderson, Barnes, Boden (Coyne 79m), Sharne, Krncevic, O'Connor (Jankovics 46m).

**MEXICO:** Rodriguez, Trejo (Fuentes 76m), Tena, Ayala, de la Torre, Gonzalez, Munguia, Manzo (Tapia 79m), Castro, Azuara (Ortega 66m), Luna.

**Goals:** 0-1 Castro (39m), 1-1 Boden (pen. 57m), 2-1 Yzendoorn (73m), 2-2 Gonzalez (84m).

**Referee:** A. Boskovic; **crowd:** 7,500.



*"You can say what you like, 2-2 is better than 4-0."*

*Henderson (right) sweeping past his Mexican opponent.*

## RUDI THE RAINMAKER

*Rudi: ordered sprinklers, received rain.*

Rudi Gutendorf took a giant step towards omnipotence: last Sunday he even made rain for Sydney although, the showers missed the start of the match by an hour or so.

For days before the international against Mexico, Gutendorf was fighting a running battle with the Cricket Ground curator.

Gutendorf asked that the bone-dry ground, with plenty of bare patches, be slightly watered to make it more playable.

The SCG refused — so Gutendorf, using his own brand of divining rod, fixed it: the rains came...

Just after halftime a few drops, then more — and at the end some healthy showers. The first for weeks...

Still, Gutendorf was furious after the match with the SCG.

"Look," he shouted, pulling up a venetian blind in the pressroom, "even now they are using their sprinklers for the outside grass. Unbelievable. Sprinklers when it rains.

"But for the main ground, for that rock-like surface, they wouldn't.

"I didn't want the ground flooded, just to soften the pitch, to make it playable.

"I don't think it's too much to ask for a national team. Except in Sydney."

Gutendorf also said he was happy with the result.

"Today we saw the real Mexico, nor the rubbish team that played in New Zealand and could have lost 7-0.

"But we are gentlemen: we gave the Mexicans three days of rest before the game. New Zealand gave them one night — plus a soggy ground and freezing temperature.

"Still, I'd much rather play 2-2 with a fit and excellent Mexico than beat an exhausted, sleepy team 4-0, a meaningless victory."

Gutendorf said it was important that his Socceroos learn to hold out in matches when in the lead.

"I'm glad, yes, I'm really glad that we conceded that equaliser in the end," he said.

"At least it happened in a match where it doesn't matter much: now we must avoid it happening in a World Cup game.

"When we have the lead, with six minutes to go, we shouldn't give away a soft goal."

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| **NEWCASTLE** | **2(0)** |
| **ST.GEORGE** | **1(0)** |

**Goals:** 1-0 Jones (56m), 1-1 Stone (70m), 2-1 Senkalski (77m).

**NEWCASTLE:** Dando 4, **Reaney 5,** Drinkwater 4, Sneddon 4, Curran 4, Senkalski 4, Bertogna 4, Mason 3, Heys 4, Jones 4, (Kamasz 72m), Tredinnick 3. **Coach:** A. Vest.

**ST.GEORGE:** Fraser 3, McIntosh 3, Russell 4, Hadley 3, Terry 3, Griffiths 4, Stone 3, Davies 3, Duarte 3 (Beggs 59m), Cotton 3, Campbell 4. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

**Referee:** J. Reeves (NSW); **crowd:** 7,268; **caution:** Hadley.

Another tight, co-ordinated display by United crushed any hopes St.George may have had from their visit to Newcastle.

Two contrasting halves were the feature of the match.

The first 45 minutes produced some aimless and drab football from both teams with neither Phil Dando nor Mike Fraser seriously challenged.

After that easy-to-forget *first period* the game erupted into a herculean contest thereafter with Newcastle the main aggressors and the winning tally should have been greater than the 2-1 margin.

What was important to Newcastle coach Alan Vest was the fact that though many chances were missed, at least opportunities were being created, a facet lacking in many of Newcastle's performances this season.

On the other hand, rival coach Raul Blanco must still be wondering why three experienced defenders failed to halt a 50-metre dash by David Jones in the 56th minute.

Senkalski won a great tackle in midfield and the ball speared forward to Jones who took off at a swift bat with the defence unable to close down on him before goalkeeper Fraser was beaten with a superbly placed drive.

Confidence built up through the ranks of the home side with Senkalski and Bertogna playing important parts in midfield.

The strong running of Jones, Heys and Tredinnick placed extreme pressure on the St.George backline.

Then came a shock equaliser through a 35-metre dipping effort from former Adamstown player Peter Stone and St.George were back in the game.

But there was a lot of grit and determination in the manner in which Newcastle shrugged off this reverse and Senkalski expertly chested down a sweet cross from Tredinnick to pick his spot in the net for a glorious winner.

Heys, who netted two goals against Adelaide City the previous week, might have bettered that feat but over-eagerness and the agility of 'keeper Fraser kept him scoreless.

— Myles Hay

# TOP DUO PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

— By Andrew Dettre —

# AIM FOR GOAL GLUT

**With yet another interruption over, the Philips League will lurch towards its climax with an almost full round this weekend, as one match was played last Saturday.**

Two of the three main title contenders will play at home and, on paper anyway, Sydney City have the easier task, against Brisbane City.

However, the Slickers will sorely miss their stopper Steve O'Connor, suspended for two games and Hilton Silva, out for one week; Thomson and Watson or Trenter are the likely plugs for the gaps.

Sydney City need to recapture their old pulsating rhythm to stay on top of the table — and this rhythm is usually set by the Stevenson-Watson duo.

Boden, so tremendously gifted, should be much more actively involved from the very start than he was against Leichhardt.

A big plus is the return to form of Terry Smith who can still be the spirtual leader of the attack.

Brisbane City can be very dangerous opponents: they break swiftly from defensive positions.

If Kelso and Conner receive the usual steady supply of through-balls from behind, they could cause a few anxious moments.

Still, the Slickers will start favorites and anything but a solid win would be a surprise.

**Our tip: Sydney City 2-0.**

Heidelberg will meet Adelaide City in a game crucial for both teams.

With Rooney now back in the fold, Heidelberg's work-rate and midfield dominance must improve further.

Cole seems to have lost his prolific goal-touch in recent weeks but Paton is a successful understudy.

Adelaide City, shattered by Newcastle in their last match, could still make the Top Four — if they keep winning.

Another loss here and the ambitious club will have missed the boat yet again.

**Our tip: Heidelberg 2-1.**

Marconi, coming with a fantastic late run and still a very real contender for the title, will play Lions in Brisbane.

The Lions have almost certainly dropped out of the Top Four race now and are clearly rebuilding the side for 1981.

With the Vierl-crisis resolved and with Krncevic, Sharne and Henderson again sparkling, the Marconi boys look formidable.

If Jankovics would miss less absolute sitters in the goalmouth, they could start running up some very impressive scores.

This will be a good test for the brilliant young Lion Danny Wright to prove his talent, against a top team in a match favoring the guests.

**Our tip: Marconi 3-1.**

South Melbourne, clinging to fourth spot like glue, will meet local rivals Footscray.

As always, anything can happen in this local derby.

**"Believe it or not he was one of the youngest managers in football when he took over this lot at the start of last season"**

Footscray, with limited incentive, will have perhaps less to fight for despite their undoubted ability.

South Melbourne in recent weeks hit a slump and it will be interesting to see if they can crawl out of it.

Young Davidson's enforced absence might have upset the balance of the team and even the attack has been malfunctioning.

A lot depends on whether Footscray want to make a match of it or are content to play out the season in safety.

**Our tip: South Melbourne 2-0.**

Buoyed by their first 'away' point of the season, West Adelaide will go all out to add two home points to their tally.

Although most unlikely to be relegated, no matter where they finish, surely the 1978 champions will want to avoid the ignominy of ending up as wooden-spooners.

Their opponents, Canberra, have run out of steam and enthusiasm: just like last year, they are likely to finish the season on a low note.

The strange handling of star strikers Giampaolo and Valeri and the frequent team changes couldn't have helped their cause.

West Adelaide certainly have the material to produce a home win unless, at long last, Canberra again put on their 'away special.'

**Our tip: West Adelaide 1-0.**

Possibly the most crucial match will be at Gabbie Stadium where strugglers Blacktown and Leichhardt come to grips.

Both have staged some sort of a revival in recent weeks yet neither can afford a loss here.

Blacktown's tremendous fighting spirit is certain to be on display again.

If Ian Hunter regains his form, after a nagging injury, he is likely to be the main tormentor of the Leichhardt defence.

Leichhardt, with Coyne, O'Connor, Woodhouse and Butler in top form, will be dangerous and desperate opponents as even they cannot feel totally secure as yet.

Both teams are likely to play cautiously and would probably settle for a draw.

**Our tip: 1-1.**

## PSL '80 RESULT GRID

| | Marconi | Heidelberg | Sydney City | Brisbane City | Adelaide City | Newcastle | West Adel. | Leichhardt | Brisb.Lions | Footscray | St.George | Canberra | Sth. Melb. | Blacktown |
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| **Marconi** | ★ | 1-1 | 2-0 | 4-0 | 2-1 | | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 3-2 | | 9-0 |
| **Heidelberg** | | ★ | 0-0 | 3-1 | | 4-0 | 4-2 | 5-1 | | 3-2 | 4-2 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 5-1 |
| **Sydney City** | 2-1 | 1-1 | ★ | | 2-1 | 2-0 | 7-0 | 4-2 | 1-1 | | | 0-2 | 2-1 | 3-0 |
| **Brisbane City** | 2-1 | 7-0 | 1-0 | ★ | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | | 0-1 | |
| **Adelaide City** | 0-1 | 1-0 | | 0-0 | ★ | 1-3 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 4-1 | 6-1 | 1-1 | | 3-2 |
| **Newcastle** | 0-1 | | 0-3 | 1-1 | 3-1 | ★ | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| **West Adel.** | | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | | 1-1 | ★ | 0-4 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | | | 4-2 |
| **Leichhardt** | 2-2 | 0-5 | 2-2 | | 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-0 | ★ | | | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| **Brisb.Lions** | | 1-2 | 2-0 | | 1-2 | | 2-1 | 2-1 | ★ | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-0 |
| **Footscray** | 0-4 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 2-1 | | 1-0 | 3-1 | ★ | 5-3 | 0-1 | 3-0 | |
| **St.George** | 0-3 | | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-4 | 0-3 | | 1-0 | 2-3 | 1-1 | ★ | 1-5 | 0-3 | 4-1 |
| **Canberra** | 0-1 | 0-1 | | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 4-3 | | 2-4 | 0-0 | 4-1 | ★ | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| **Sth.Melb.** | 3-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 3-3 | 2-1 | | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-2 | | | 1-0 | ★ | 5-0 |
| **Blacktown** | 5-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 3-1 | | 1-1 | 1-0 | | 4-1 | 3-0 | 4-2 | | 0-3 | ★ |

# THIS WEEK THAT WAS...

*It won't be long now before the great, semi-secretive annual ritual of the Philips League takes place in order to decide the promotion and relegation issue.*

*The various State delegates — many of whom have nothing at all to do with the PSL — will sit down to a sombre discussion and even more sombre horse-trading.*

*This august body, empowered to pass judgement over the living and the almost dead, will then determine the composition of the 1981 League.*

*Hardly anybody in soccer likes the idea of including and excluding teams administratively; almost everybody would prefer some sort of self-regulating, automatic system even if that involves a play-off.*

*But we are stuck with this — largely because nobody has been able to work out anything better since 1976.*

*Rumors and counter-rumors are ripe, especially in NSW where — if anywhere — changes are possible.*

*Samples: Wollongong have been 'promised' a spot...Olympic will return otherwise the Greeks lynch Arthur George...Melita demand a place...St.George will be saved because of their stadium...the league goes up to 16, maybe 15...and so on.*

*What is surprising is that, despite the well known hazards and enormous financial burdens, the PSL is still such a magnet.*

*I do remember that, in 1976, ex-APIA president Jim Bayutti was ridiculed for having claimed that it might cost $250,000 or more to run a team in the PSL.*

*Well, I am pretty certain that at least four of the five Sydney clubs spend closer to $300,000 a year on it.*

*Not one of them has the remotest chance of covering that sum through gate takings, even with sponsorship thrown in.*

*So the burden is passed to the social clubs — and even a few of those find it difficult to keep making up the deficits.*

*Now, in view of all this — why the rush to get into the PSL or, for that matter, to stay there?*

### How much is enough?

*Take Wollongong, for example, allegedly a certain starter in 1981.*

*They are reported to have $80,000 in the kitty. Say they have double that by January. Lovely.*

*What will that get them?*

*They will need three or four very good players — $15,000 each: that's $60,000.*

*Then they will need another four or five top State League or average PSL players — at $5,000 each: $20,000.*

*The rest, let's assume, will come from the junior ranks.*

*Then all these players will ask for contracts — say $4,000 per squad member, except the juniors: that may take care of another $40,000.*

*A top coach goes for $20,000 (or more), a good manager-administrator for the same, plus some support staff such as assistant coach, masseur, publicity man, etc. — make it another $15,000.*

*Equipment, gear, the mandatory club magazine, functions, public relations exercises, match fees and bonuses, travel expenses (not covered by the PSL), and a host of other expenses, small and not so small, will eat up another $20,000.*

*We have reached now $195,000. (But if anybody says it's only $185,974 or $232,892, I also believe it. If anybody says it's only half, I don't.)*

*For all that money, the club may — just may — obtain a very average team; for anything appreciably better the money spent on signings can be doubled.*

*A newcomer to the PSL can draw very good crowds at the beginning: look at Canberra or Newcastle.*

*Then, if the team keeps losing and struggling — or merely failing to reach the top — the crowds begin to melt.*

*It's possible that Wollongong — if they can really assemble the infrastructure of a club by January, which isn't certain — may get 10,000 for its first home match.*

*But if they don't have a winning team, by the end of the season he crowd may slip to 3,000 or below.*

*I don't wish to single out Wollongong; the same, perhaps even to a graver degree, applies to Melita and Olympic.*

*— A.D.*

# TOP SCORERS

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| COLE (Heidelberg) | 20 |
| JANKOVICS (Marconi) | 13 |
| KRNCEVIC (Marconi) | 11 |
| J. NYSKOHUS (Adel.City) | 11 |
| PATON (Heidelberg) | 11 |
| BODEN (Sydney City) | 10 |
| BULJEVIC (Sth.Melb.) | 10 |
| O'CONNOR (Leichhardt) | 10 |
| BARNES (Sydney City) | 9 |
| DUARTE (St.George) | 8 |
| KELSO (Brisbane City) | 8 |
| STEVENSON (Sydney City) | 8 |

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# SUMMER SOCCER GETS BIG VOTE

**Our readers have given a strong approval to the idea of playing the Philips League in the summer months.**

The survey had a pleasing response with answers coming from most States of Australia.

A full 66.67% think that the idea of playing PSL soccer in summer is good, 29.63% think it's questionable and only 3.70% feel it's a bad one.

This is almost exactly a two out of three approval rate.

A further 65.51% think summer PSL would produce larger crowds, 20.76% say it would be the same and 13.80% say it would be smaller — again a two out of three positive response.

Opinions are more sharply divided as to the ideal match day — and, indeed, some people have suggested more than one.

The favorite is Friday night with 42.10%, then comes Saturday night with 28.94%, Sunday evening with 15.80% and midweek with 13.16% — this latter one being something of a surprise.

On the kick-off time the verdict is almost unanimous: 93.10% favor the evening and only 6.90% vote for the afternoon.

An overwhelming majority believe that summer soccer would result in TV coverage: 80.77% say yes and 19.23% say no.

About three-quarters of those who answered the questionaire — 74.08% — believe that summer soccer would attract fans of other codes against 25.92% who won't buy that.

Opinions are sharply divided on the future of professionalism: 55.56% feel summer soccer would lead to professionalism and 44.44% say it won't.

About two thirds of those polled — 67.86% — say that there should be a break around Christmas against 32.14% who prefer a non-stop season.

More than three quarters — 77.28% — believe that soccer would prosper if it didn't clash with other football codes; 22.72% say it wouldn't make any difference.

It was a close race on the club name issue: 59.26% say the names should be jazzed up but 40.74% argue against that.

Obviously only a few fear that it would cause complications if the PSL were to be played in summer and all other soccer competitions in winter: 84.61% say don't worry while 15.39% hold out some fear.

The State League look like big winners: 61.53% say they would attend State League games in winter if the PSL was in summer while 38.47% say they wouldn't.

Of those polled 44.44% attend PSL matches regularly, 29.62% frequently and 25.92% seldom.

A very large majority — 53.12% — say they would take their wives to soccer in summer and 43.76% would also take their children; only 3.12% would prefer to go alone.

So what's the picture which emerges from this survey?

The majority would want the PSL to be played in summer, probably Friday evenings, expecting an increase in crowds and a TV coverage too.

They also believe that not only would soccer prosper without the strong competition of other football codes — but would gain spectators from those ranks.

Only slightly more than half feel that pro soccer is around the corner and about the same percentage want the names to be smartened up.

A most significant percentage of fans would take their wives or children to the games — and the majority would be prepared to attend State League matches in winter.

To authenticate the survey, we have passed all questionaires to the ASF.

And finally, here are some of the comments which accompanied the questionnaires:

*I feel that the PSL competition should remain as a winter based sport, and rather, that the Philips Cup be run during the summer months.*

*This arrangement, I feel, would be a lot easier on teams who, at present, are sometimes required to play three games in seven days.*

*A four-week holiday period could be had for all players between the finish of the PSL season and the start of the Cup, a Christmas break would be a mandatory thing.*

*I greatly enjoy reading your newspaper, keep up the good work.*

**George Termini**
**Belmore**

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*This is my second attempt at writing this letter; in the first I was against summer soccer but the more I thought about it, the more I became attracted to the idea (hence the rather untidy questionnaire!)*

*But for summer soccer to succeed, matches should not be played before 6pm, to escape the worst of the heat, as obviously most of the season would be playing during daylight saving.*

*And with matches kicking-off at this time, the attraction of the beach would be lessened.*

*But I do not feel crowds would increase just because of summer soccer itself. To attract larger crowds, intense promotion and marketing of soccer must go on, making people aware of the sport.*

*On a different level, I desperately hope that the PSL does not copy too much from US soccer. Summer soccer may be OK, but the "jazzing up" of names and razzamatazz before and at halftime, I'm sure we could do without.*

**Peter Rowney**
**Caringbah**

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*If soccer in Australia is to take on during the summer season games would have to be played in the evenings so as not to clash with the summer sports and recreation.*

*For soccer to improve its spectator support the hardest nut to crack must surely be the TV and newspapers which show a very distinct discrimination towards the code.*

*If a change of season for the PSL did eventuate and with no opposition from other football codes then there must be marked improvement in media coverage.*

**Brian Campbell**
**Wallsend**

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*If soccer is played in summer it would have to be played at night, at the weekend to allow children and workers who rise early to attend.*

*Friday night would in my opinion be best, but have the kick-off no later than 7.30.*

*Your biggest obstacle would be finding grounds with adequate floodlighting for television coverage.*

**Joseph McGuire**
**Burwood**

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*The idea of summer soccer as opposed to a winter one, is a bad idea.*

*In Newcastle alone the average summer temperatures range from 32°-39°c, often rising up and including 40-48°.*

*Newcastle from September on is very much a "sun and surf" city. One must also remember that most people prefer to take advantage of our wonderful summer weather in many other ways.*

*Although sport lovers divide in the winter months over soccer, league, union, Aussie rules etc. it never fails that in summer they all unite to attend the cricket. (???Editor.)*

*Although it has been suggested night games would be appropriate in summer, not many teams have the facilities.*

*One must compete at this time of the year with the periods that most people use for school holidays and travel — Christmas, Easter, May holidays.*

**So what** if the Americans play soccer in the summer!

It has been put forward that this is a good reason for "giving it a go."

Everyone I know thinks this is a most feeble excuse.

I suggest someone look into past experiments by companies of different sorts in using American psychology, tactics, gimmicks, advertising etc. on Australians. It just doesn't work.

**Gai Hann**
**Adamstown**

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*The PSL, in the summer, would have to contend with cricket and tennis which have an even higher saturation point on our television screens than football.*

*We need clubs with a broad base for support. It is NOT just a matter of a cosmetic name change.*

*The example of Sydney City is evidence of that: we need more clubs like Canberra City, Newcastle United and the proposed Wollongong club.*

*A person needs to be able to identify with a club before he or she will go and watch that club.*

*The residents of Canberra and Newcastle are able to do this but the same cannot be said for most other Australians.*

**K. Psaltis**
**Phillip Street**
**Sydney**

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| Melita | 18 | 1 | 3 | 37 | 11 | 37 |
| Olympic | 16 | 2 | 4 | 47 | 18 | 34 |
| Auburn | 12 | 5 | 5 | 31 | 23 | 29 |
| Canterbury | 10 | 5 | 8 | 31 | 31 | 25 |
| Avala | 9 | 5 | 8 | 27 | 27 | 23 |
| Croatia | 8 | 6 | 8 | 38 | 31 | 22 |
| Nth. Sydney | 9 | 4 | 10 | 35 | 31 | 22 |
| Sutherland | 8 | 5 | 9 | 28 | 28 | 21 |
| Monaro | 6 | 6 | 8 | 25 | 22 | 20 |
| Arncliffe | 8 | 4 | 10 | 37 | 38 | 20 |
| Bankstown | 7 | 1 | 14 | 26 | 41 | 15 |
| Kuringai | 5 | 5 | 11 | 26 | 35 | 15 |
| Manly | 5 | 4 | 13 | 24 | 36 | 14 |
| Parramatta | 5 | 3 | 15 | 22 | 61 | 13 |

### GRADE 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canterbury | 13 | 4 | 6 | 31 | 17 | 30 |
| Sutherland | 10 | 8 | 4 | 34 | 20 | 28 |
| Avala | 11 | 6 | 5 | 33 | 23 | 28 |
| Kuringai | 12 | 3 | 6 | 33 | 16 | 27 |
| Melita | 10 | 7 | 5 | 43 | 28 | 27 |
| Croatia | 9 | 9 | 4 | 27 | 22 | 27 |
| Olympic | 11 | 3 | 7 | 36 | 19 | 25 |
| Auburn | 10 | 5 | 7 | 23 | 21 | 25 |
| Bankstown | 8 | 4 | 9 | 26 | 37 | 20 |
| Manly | 6 | 5 | 11 | 23 | 29 | 17 |
| Nth. Sydney | 5 | 5 | 13 | 16 | 41 | 15 |
| Arncliffe | 4 | 6 | 12 | 29 | 41 | 14 |
| Parramatta | 4 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 30 | 14 |
| Monaro | 2 | 5 | 13 | 14 | 38 | 9 |

### GRADE 3

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Auburn | 16 | 4 | — | 43 | 8 | 36 |
| Sutherland | 14 | 5 | 1 | 48 | 11 | 33 |
| Kuringai | 11 | 6 | 3 | 44 | 21 | 28 |
| Bankstown | 9 | 8 | 3 | 39 | 24 | 26 |
| Arncliffe | 8 | 8 | 4 | 37 | 28 | 24 |
| Canterbury | 8 | 8 | 7 | 33 | 29 | 20 |
| Melita | 7 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 26 | 20 |
| Manly | 8 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 28 | 19 |
| Olympic | 6 | 3 | 9 | 20 | 25 | 19 |
| Parramatta | 6 | 5 | 9 | 23 | 38 | 17 |
| Croatia | 3 | 5 | 12 | 30 | 47 | 11 |
| Nth. Sydney | 1 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 45 | 5 |
| Avala | 1 | 2 | 18 | 14 | 68 | 4 |

## DIVISION 1

### GRADE 1

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marconi | 15 | 5 | 3 | 46 | 19 | 35 |
| Blacktown City | 11 | 10 | 4 | 50 | 31 | 32 |
| Wollongong | 11 | 8 | 5 | 41 | 21 | 30 |
| Bathurst | 12 | 6 | 6 | 38 | 30 | 30 |
| St.George | 12 | 5 | 6 | 56 | 31 | 29 |
| Polonia | 11 | 7 | 6 | 48 | 32 | 29 |
| Leichhardt | 11 | 7 | 7 | 49 | 41 | 29 |
| Revesby | 9 | 8 | 7 | 38 | 44 | 27 |
| Uni NSW | 9 | 6 | 9 | 37 | 30 | 24 |
| Sydney City | 9 | 5 | 9 | 45 | 36 | 23 |
| Blacktown Utd. | 6 | 7 | 11 | 21 | 36 | 19 |
| Yugal | 5 | 6 | 11 | 24 | 41 | 16 |
| Belmore | 5 | 4 | 14 | 22 | 46 | 14 |
| Penrith | 4 | 5 | 14 | 21 | 51 | 13 |
| Warringah | 1 | 5 | 19 | 16 | 64 | 7 |

### GRADE 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney City | 17 | 4 | 2 | 75 | 18 | 38 |
| Leichhardt | 16 | 4 | 5 | 45 | 29 | 36 |
| St.George | 15 | 6 | 3 | 53 | 17 | 35 |
| Blacktown City | 14 | 5 | 6 | 54 | 36 | 33 |
| Wollongong | 13 | 5 | 6 | 53 | 34 | 31 |
| Revesby | 12 | 5 | 7 | 45 | 29 | 29 |
| Blacktown Utd. | 12 | 3 | 7 | 38 | 23 | 27 |
| Marconi | 8 | 3 | 13 | 24 | 33 | 19 |
| Warringah | 7 | 5 | 13 | 25 | 44 | 19 |
| Uni NSW | 9 | 1 | 14 | 22 | 50 | 19 |
| Polonia | 6 | 5 | 10 | 32 | 43 | 18 |
| Penrith | 7 | 3 | 12 | 23 | 36 | 17 |
| Bathurst | 5 | 4 | 15 | 19 | 50 | 14 |
| Belmore | 3 | 4 | 16 | 24 | 59 | 10 |
| Yugal | 2 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 54 | 9 |

### GRADE 3

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St.George | 18 | 2 | 2 | 108 | 16 | 40 |
| Sydney City | 17 | 3 | 3 | 73 | 21 | 37 |
| Blacktown City | 15 | 5 | 5 | 78 | 27 | 35 |
| Belmore | 15 | 3 | 5 | 40 | 18 | 33 |
| Marconi | 13 | 5 | 4 | 56 | 22 | 31 |
| Leichhardt | 12 | 7 | 4 | 37 | 19 | 31 |
| Wollongong | 12 | 2 | 10 | 51 | 43 | 26 |
| Blacktown Utd. | 10 | 4 | 9 | 37 | 40 | 24 |
| Revesby | 8 | 7 | 9 | 42 | 56 | 23 |
| Polonia | 9 | 1 | 12 | 40 | 42 | 19 |
| Penrith | 7 | 4 | 12 | 33 | 55 | 18 |
| Yugal | 4 | 3 | 16 | 22 | 83 | 11 |
| Uni NSW | 4 | 2 | 17 | 30 | 86 | 10 |
| Warringah | 3 | 2 | 20 | 27 | 55 | 8 |
| Bathurst | 1 | 2 | 21 | 18 | 116 | 4 |

## DIVISION 2

### GRADE 1

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Guildford | 15 | 5 | 1 | 44 | 18 | 35 |
| Glad.Ravens | 12 | 5 | 4 | 34 | 15 | 29 |
| Nth. Bankstown | 11 | 5 | 5 | 45 | 27 | 27 |
| Yagoona | 11 | 3 | 7 | 27 | 26 | 25 |
| Campbelltown | 9 | 3 | 8 | 24 | 22 | 22 |
| Queens Park | 8 | 6 | 7 | 29 | 28 | 22 |
| Lethbridge | 8 | 4 | 8 | 32 | 26 | 20 |
| Baulkham Hills | 8 | 4 | 9 | 35 | 37 | 20 |
| Dee Why | 7 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 26 | 18 |
| Glad.Hornsby | 6 | 4 | 11 | 24 | 32 | 16 |
| Marrickville | 2 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 49 | 10 |
| Lane Cove | 2 | 4 | 15 | 17 | 44 | 8 |

### GRADE 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Glad. Ravens | 18 | 3 | — | 57 | 7 | 39 |
| Guildford | 10 | 8 | 3 | 55 | 25 | 28 |
| Lethbridge | 12 | 4 | 5 | 45 | 26 | 28 |
| Campbelltown | 10 | 6 | 3 | 34 | 18 | 26 |
| Nth.Bankstown | 10 | 4 | 7 | 28 | 22 | 24 |
| Glad.Hornsby | 8 | 7 | 6 | 38 | 30 | 23 |
| Baulkham Hills | 9 | 3 | 9 | 38 | 42 | 21 |
| Dee Why | 5 | 4 | 11 | 29 | 41 | 14 |
| Yagoona | 5 | 3 | 13 | 27 | 46 | 13 |
| Queens Park | 5 | 3 | 13 | 26 | 47 | 13 |
| Lane Cove | 3 | 4 | 14 | 20 | 44 | 10 |
| Marrickville | 2 | 5 | 13 | 19 | 57 | 9 |

### GRADE 3

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nth. Bankstown | 17 | 1 | 9 | 71 | 11 | 35 |
| Guildford | 15 | 4 | 2 | 61 | 23 | 34 |
| Glad.Ravens | 15 | 2 | 4 | 62 | 24 | 32 |
| Glad.Hornsby | 13 | 2 | 3 | 49 | 15 | 28 |
| Marrickville | 11 | 3 | 6 | 48 | 30 | 25 |
| Baulkham Hills | 8 | 7 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 23 |
| Campbelltown | 8 | 2 | 11 | 29 | 37 | 18 |
| Lethbridge | 7 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 40 | 18 |
| Dee Why | 3 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 31 | 8 |
| Queens Park | 2 | 4 | 15 | 17 | 62 | 8 |
| Yagoona | 3 | 2 | 16 | 16 | 70 | 8 |
| Lane Cove | 2 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 59 | 7 |

## DIVISION 3

### GRADE 1

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Riverstone | 13 | 3 | 5 | 38 | 25 | 29 |
| Nth.Ryde | 11 | 5 | 4 | 36 | 25 | 28 |
| Liverpool | 11 | 5 | 4 | 33 | 23 | 28 |
| Kingsford | 12 | 3 | 5 | 41 | 27 | 27 |
| Bonnyrigg | 13 | — | 8 | 41 | 31 | 26 |
| Bondi | 8 | 8 | 5 | 35 | 24 | 24 |
| Wenty | 7 | 5 | 9 | 31 | 30 | 19 |
| Artarmon | 8 | 6 | 9 | 28 | 26 | 18 |
| Sydney Uni. | 8 | 6 | 9 | 23 | 23 | 18 |
| Hurstville | 7 | 2 | 12 | 38 | 40 | 16 |
| Port Hacking | 4 | 4 | 13 | 22 | 44 | 12 |
| West Ryde | 1 | 5 | 15 | 24 | 62 | 7 |

### GRADE 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liverpool | 15 | 4 | 2 | 46 | 16 | 34 |
| Bondi | 15 | 3 | 3 | 38 | 15 | 33 |
| Kingsford | 13 | 3 | 5 | 52 | 22 | 29 |
| Artarmon | 11 | 4 | 6 | 55 | 43 | 26 |
| North Ryde | 9 | 5 | 7 | 40 | 25 | 23 |
| Wenty | 9 | 5 | 7 | 27 | 29 | 23 |
| Sydney Uni. | 8 | 3 | 10 | 34 | 35 | 19 |
| Riverstone | 8 | 3 | 10 | 29 | 38 | 19 |
| Bonnyrigg | 7 | 4 | 10 | 40 | 34 | 18 |
| Port Hacking | 5 | 4 | 12 | 26 | 36 | 14 |
| Hurstville | 1 | 5 | 15 | 25 | 68 | 7 |
| West Ryde | 2 | 3 | 16 | 18 | 72 | 7 |

## DIVISION 4

### GRADE 1

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Creek | 12 | 6 | 2 | 40 | 15 | 29 |
| Paddington | 11 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 18 | 27 |
| Padstow | 12 | 1 | 5 | 50 | 23 | 26 |
| Fairfield Kiev | 9 | 8 | 2 | 35 | 16 | 26 |
| Eastwood | 10 | 2 | 7 | 38 | 30 | 22 |
| Canley Hts. | 8 | 3 | 9 | 38 | 38 | 19 |
| West Holroyd | 5 | 7 | 7 | 28 | 36 | 17 |
| Revesby | 4 | 8 | 7 | 22 | 31 | 16 |
| Ryde Dist. | 7 | 2 | 10 | 30 | 46 | 16 |
| Chelsea | 2 | 2 | 14 | 12 | 36 | 6 |
| Maroubra | 2 | 1 | 16 | 20 | 50 | 5 |

### GRADE 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Creek | 15 | 4 | — | 53 | 6 | 34 |
| Padstow | 12 | 4 | 3 | 45 | 26 | 28 |
| Canley Hts. | 13 | 1 | 6 | 56 | 31 | 27 |
| Fairfield Kiev | 9 | 8 | 2 | 47 | 30 | 26 |
| Eastwood | 8 | 7 | 4 | 39 | 23 | 23 |
| West Holroyd | 8 | 4 | 7 | 34 | 26 | 20 |
| Paddington | 3 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 27 | 14 |
| Revesby | 4 | 4 | 11 | 34 | 37 | 12 |
| Ryde Dist. | 4 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 53 | 12 |
| Maroubra | 1 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 50 | 8 |
| Chelsea | 1 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 61 | 5 |

## DIVISION 5

### GRADE 1

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Concordia | 13 | 3 | 5 | 51 | 23 | 29 |
| Nth.Rocks | 10 | 6 | 5 | 46 | 26 | 26 |
| Fairfield | 9 | 8 | 4 | 32 | 21 | 26 |
| Winston Hills | 9 | 8 | 4 | 44 | 34 | 26 |
| West St.George | 10 | 5 | 6 | 40 | 30 | 25 |
| Macquarie Uni. | 9 | 3 | 9 | 37 | 29 | 21 |
| Maccabi | 7 | 6 | 8 | 36 | 30 | 20 |
| Pagewood | 7 | 6 | 8 | 34 | 44 | 20 |
| Edensor | 7 | 5 | 9 | 34 | 38 | 19 |
| Camden | 7 | 5 | 9 | 32 | 43 | 19 |
| Haberfield | 5 | 4 | 12 | 27 | 46 | 14 |
| Auburn | 2 | 3 | 16 | 19 | 68 | 7 |

### GRADE 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| West St.George | 17 | 2 | 2 | 58 | 20 | 36 |
| Winston Hills | 15 | 3 | 3 | 55 | 22 | 33 |
| Camden | 13 | 3 | 5 | 55 | 25 | 29 |
| Fairfield | 12 | 5 | 4 | 48 | 22 | 29 |
| Macquarie Uni. | 12 | 5 | 4 | 52 | 29 | 29 |
| North Rocks | 12 | 3 | 6 | 49 | 28 | 27 |
| Maccabi | 11 | 2 | 8 | 36 | 22 | 24 |
| Edensor | 5 | 3 | 13 | 32 | 57 | 13 |
| Pagewood | 4 | 3 | 14 | 25 | 62 | 11 |
| Concordia | 4 | 2 | 15 | 22 | 46 | 10 |
| Auburn | 1 | 4 | 16 | 11 | 52 | 6 |
| Haberfield | 2 | 1 | 18 | 20 | 68 | 5 |

## DIVISION 6

### GRADE 1

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Glenquarrie | 15 | 3 | 3 | 58 | 19 | 33 |
| Moorebank | 13 | 4 | 4 | 57 | 23 | 30 |
| Chullora | 11 | 6 | 4 | 49 | 20 | 28 |
| Hawkesbury | 12 | 4 | 5 | 42 | 18 | 28 |
| Green Valley | 10 | 5 | 6 | 36 | 22 | 25 |
| Liverpool City | 10 | 5 | 6 | 35 | 22 | 25 |
| Blacktown | 10 | 4 | 7 | 47 | 33 | 24 |
| Liverpool Utd. | 9 | 4 | 8 | 35 | 37 | 22 |
| Liverpool Rang. | 8 | 5 | 10 | 21 | 40 | 17 |
| Bankstown | 3 | 3 | 15 | 21 | 76 | 9 |
| Mt.Pritchard | 2 | 3 | 16 | 19 | 56 | 7 |
| Sth. Sydney | 1 | 2 | 18 | 22 | 78 | 4 |

### GRADE 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moorebank | 17 | 3 | 1 | 76 | 14 | 37 |
| Liverpool City | 17 | 3 | 1 | 63 | 17 | 37 |
| Glenquarrie | 14 | 5 | 2 | 85 | 21 | 33 |
| Hawkesbury | 12 | 3 | 6 | 59 | 23 | 26 |
| Chullora | 10 | 3 | 8 | 47 | 28 | 23 |
| Blacktown | 8 | 7 | 5 | 28 | 33 | 23 |
| Green Valley | 9 | 4 | 6 | 42 | 26 | 22 |
| Liverpool Rang. | 6 | 4 | 11 | 24 | 28 | 16 |
| Liverpool Utd. | 5 | 5 | 11 | 37 | 53 | 15 |
| Mt.Pritchard | 4 | — | 17 | 20 | 58 | 8 |
| Bankstown | 3 | 2 | 16 | 18 | 73 | 8 |
| Sth. Sydney | 1 | 1 | 19 | 10 | 116 | 3 |

"I'll say he's accident-prone — only got to ask him to warm up and he pulls a muscle."

# NSW STATE LEAGUE

# OLYMPIC'S BID TO CLOSE GAP

— By Paul James —

**With only four weeks of the competition left several themes have become clear from the 1980 season.**

The main one is that the 'old guard' of Sutherland and Croatia no longer are as powerful as they were and a new crop of teams have emerged to take their place at the top of the league.

It has also become obvious that since Atti Abonyi's departure Croatia have yet to play as well or as consistently as they did last year.

Meanwhile, Abonyi, who has moved to Melita, has moulded what looks like a premiership winning side and is enjoying his role as sideline coach for the first time.

**Melita plays Sutherland at Seymour Shaw, while Olympic meets Ku-ring-gai at the dreaded Parklands Oval.**

Sutherland suffered a severe hiding last week and so probably will be out for a little face saving this week.

But it is doubtful if they will get much change from a Melita side which is in full sprint, racing to the finishing line.

Sutherland's line-up has changed drastically from last year's powerful, all-round team.

Several youngsters have not made the grade, while others have been great successes.

Melita's team has that all-round balance which Sutherland lost.

Their defence, midfield and attack work as a unit, but each does its own job efficiently.

John Stoddart, long time team mate of Abonyi, has had a new lease of life with Melita and is the brains of the side, directing the younger players who in their own right are developing as playmakers.

**We can't see Sutherland getting much change from this match, and we tip a Melita win 3-1.**

Olympic's match against Ku-ring-gai will be vitally important for both teams.

The greens took both points from Croatia last week and moved from what looked like a doomed position at the foot of the table.

Olympic can't afford to drop any more points and let Melita get too far away.

Ku-ring-gai's team has some experienced and some young players, but far too rarely do they work as a team: last week was an exception.

**With Olympic in such a desperate mood we feel they will take both points from Ku-ring-gai in a 2-0 win.**

Ku-ring-gai's match against Olympic on Sunday will be doubly hard because on the Saturday they will have also played, this time against Monaro.

Monaro's form in recent weeks has improved dramatically.

Part of the reason has been the addition of a few new players such as Reis and Arquero from Canberra City.

They have noticeably bolstered their midfield, an area where Monaro was devoid of ideas after the departure of Giampaolo and Valeri.

That, too, was a great problem for Monaro this year.

The psychological effect of the loss of their two favourite sons has taken many months to wear off, and it is only now the rest of the team is starting to play without searching for Giampaolo or Valeri to create something special.

This should be a hard match for Monaro, but we feel they can win.

**We tip Monaro 2-1.**

Avala still has an outside chance of making the Top Four, and this game against North Sydney could provide two useful points in their quest.

Norths, however, are a much stronger side than most people suspect.

They have a rugged defence and a powerful midfield, combined with an attack which has scored its fair share of goals this year.

Avala too has been improving as the year wears on, with Kaz Kulak's faith in some players only now being rewarded.

His astute purchasing of a few overseas players and the addition of several young Australian lads has seen Avala vying for top honours all year.

**They should be capable of taking both points here and we tip Avala to win 1-0.**

In what could rightly be described as the 'Battle of the Year', Parramatta will clash with Manly on Sunday at Garside Park.

The loser of this match seems likely to be the relegated side at the end of the year.

Manly are in a better position than Parramatta though, as they have 14 points and Parramatta only 13.

At present Manly seems to be in a better, more aggressive frame of mind and they have a more determined survival instinct.

**We predict Manly will win 2-0.**

Croatia's dim hopes of semi-final glory rest on their last four matches, and in particular in this one against Bankstown.

If they fail to pick up two points here, then they can forget about the 1980 season and should start rebuilding for 1981.

With essentially the same players as last year, Croatia has failed to live up to their glorious reputation.

One main difference in the 1980 team is the lack of a distinguished playmaker: there is no Abonyi.

While Gruicic is an accomplished player, he is no substitute and around him the others are too young and inexperienced to influence the team's performance to any great degree.

Bankstown's fears of relegation are easing as the season grinds to a halt, but what they should be asking is: what went wrong?

They started out so well, yet finished in a heap.

The side played attractive, attacking football early in the year and now have resorted to dour defence and hopeful breakaways to threaten the opposition.

**We tip a 1-1 draw in this match, as neither side has really impressed in recent outings.**

The last match is the clash between Auburn and Arncliffe.

The Scots finally revealed their true form again this week when they thrashed Sutherland.

However, those scintillating performances have been too few and far between.

If they can maintain that level of consistency they should be a real threat next year.

Auburn's secret this season has been consistency.

They play simple but intelligent soccer using their players' various skills to perfection.

At the back those two maestros, McMillan and McDonald, control things, while up front Martinez and McCulloch have been causing havoc, ably supported by Ross and Quigley.

**We predict another Auburn win, this time 3-2.**

## NORTH SYDNEY v MANLY 2-1(1-0)

A superb performance by Norths' Norrie Porter was the foundation upon which North Sydney based this win.

Apart from scoring both goals, Porter also was the pivot in midfield around which most Norths attacks were launched.

Manly again put up a gutsy display — one so typical of a team striving desperately to avoid the relegation zone.

For most of the second half, it looked as if the teams would share the points.

Once Porter put Norths into the lead after 39 minutes, Manly intensified their efforts to go for an equaliser.

Vale did so in the 57th minute and both teams stepped up the hunt for the winner.

But it was not until the very last minute that Norths sank Manly with Porter again the scorer.

**NORTH SYDNEY:** Tilsed 3, Millen 3, O'Rourke 3, Mattheson 4, J. Bottalico 4, Leyden 3, Youssef 3, Porter 5, A. Bottalico 3, Dale 3, Wilson 3.

**MANLY:** Dower 4, Wilson 3, Doyle 3, Emery 3, Burchett 4, Hardaker 3, Jack 4, Townsend 3, Vale 3, Fox 3, Stuart 3.

**Goals:** 1-0 Porter (39m), 1-1 Vale (57m), 2-1 Porter (89m).
**Referee:** D. Warne; **crowd:** 345.

— M. Renwick

## KU-RING-GAI v CROATIA 3-1(1-1)

Good honest effort was rewarded when Ku-ring-gai upset Croatia on the flint-hard Parklands Oval.

Ku-ring-gai never stopped chasing and backing up, whereas Croatia gave a lazy display and paid the penalty.

Robertson put Ku-ring-gai ahead when he tentatively prodded a ball forward and with Terziovski unsighted it trickled into the net.

Croatia were soon back on level terms, however, when Muratovic scored after Marijan Kovacic's shot had rebounded from the upright.

Both sides then settled down in search of the winner, but the little extra Ku-ring-gai effort paid off.

A corner from Hill was headed home by Herron and then Hill himself made certain of victory when he crashed home Wheatley's cross in the 82nd minute.

**KU-RING-GAI:** Antman 4, Wheatley 4, Geekie 3, Robertson 3, McGill 3, Martin 3, Smith 3, Lavin 3, Hill 4, Herron 3 (Seach 88m), Worthington 2.

**CROATIA:** Terziovski 2, Berry 2 (Trojha 70m), Dokonal 4, Dudaric 3, Vidaic 4, Culina 4, Gruicic 2, Savor 3, M. Kovacic 4, Muratovic 2, Pagano 3.

**Goals:** 1-0 Robertson (18m), 1-1 Muratovic (23m), 2-1 Herron (72m), 3-1 Hill (82m).
**Referee:** H. Witschge; **crowd:** 786; **caution:** Vidaic.

— A. Henderson

## ARNCLIFFE v SUTHERLAND 5-2 (1-1)

If Sutherland had any slim chance left of making the Top Four it was finally squashed after this thrashing at the hands of the unpredictable Arncliffe.

Arncliffe themselves have no chance of a semi berth, but if they can maintain this, their true form, for next season they should be a side to reckon with in 1981.

The drive of midfielder John Lee and the fine opportunism of Steve Montgomery spearheaded the Scots to this remarkable victory.

Arncliffe scored first when Ainslie converted a 20th minute penalty after a foul on Tracey inside the box.

Sutherland fought back and drew level just before halftime when Bush scored.

Then, in a sensational start to the second half, Montgomery broke through and within 90 seconds of the re-start he calmly rounded Haynes and planted the ball in the back of the net.

Sutherland again drew level in the 52nd minute with Hesford's goal, but then Arncliffe surged forward and took both points.

A Montgomery header in the 59th was followed by an Ainslie goal in the 74th and then Montgomery completed his hat-trick in the 78th.

Sutherland threw everything forward in the last 15 minutes but brilliant goalkeeping by Hoszowski foiled every attempt.

**ARNCLIFFE:** Hoszowski 4, Ramisch 3, Oldham 3, Butcher 3, Ainslie 3, Lee 5, Wignall 4, Martin 3, Montgomery 5, Bulloch 3, Tracey 4.

**SUTHERLAND:** Haynes 3, Hesford 4, Watkins 3, Groome 3, Donnelly 3, Meades 4, Harrington 3, Schumann 3, Bush 4, Holman 3, Connor 2 (Tillet 67m).

**Goals:** 1-0 Ainslie (pen. 20m), 1-1 Bush (44m), 2-1 Montgomery (47m), 2-2 Hesford (52m), 3-2 Montgomery (59m), 4-2 Ainslie (74m), 5-2 Montgomery (78m).
Referee: N. Condron; crowd: 312.

— E. De Mesquita


STATE LEAGUE

AUGUST 30-31

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| KURINGAI | V MONARO | SAT., PARKLANDS |
| SUTHERLAND | V MELITA | SUN., SEYMOUR |
| NTH.SYDNEY | V AVALA | SUN., PRATTEN |
| KURINGAI | V OLYMPIC | SUN., PARKLANDS |
| P'MATTA | V MANLY | SUN., GARSIDE |
| BANKSTOWN | V CROATIA | SUN., SOC.CENT. |
| AUBURN | V ARNCLIFFE | SUN., MONA PARK |

AUGUST 30-31 (Rounds 16 & 17)

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| Blacktown City | v Marconi-F'fld | Sat., Gabbie Stadium |
| Leichhardt | v St.George BSC | Sat., Lambert Park |
| Belmore | v Penrith Utd. | Sat., Blick Oval |
| Penrith Utd. | v Bathurst '75 | Sun., Cook Park |
| Uni of NSW | v Belmore | Sun., David Phillips |
| Revesby Work. | v Marconi-F'fld | Sun., Milperra Res. |
| St.George BSC | v Polonia | Sun., St.George Stad. |
| Blacktown Utd. | v Sydney City | Sun., Francis Park |
| Warringah | v SSC Yugal | Sun., Graham Reserve |
| Wollongong | v Sydney City | Sat., Berkeley |

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| CANT.-M'VILLE | V AVALA | SUN., ARLINGTON OV. |
| BANKSTOWN | V SUTHERLAND | SUN., SOCCER CENTRE |
| PARRAMATTA | V CROATIA SYD. | SUN., GARSIDE PARK |
| MANLY WARR. | V MELITA EAG. | SUN., CROMER PARK |
| ARNCLIFFE | V AUBURN | SUN., SEYMOUR |
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| Revesby Work. | v Blacktown Utd. | Sun., Milperra Reserve |
| Polonia | v Wollongong | Sun., Chopin Park |
| Penrith Utd. | v Uni of NSW | Sun., Cook Park |
| Sydney City | v Leichhardt | Sun., Sydney Ath.Fld. |
| Bathurst '75 | v St.George BSC | Sun., Bathurst Show gr. |
| Warringah | v Marconi-F'fld | Sun., Narrabeen Fitness |

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# WORLD NEWS

# CLOUGH UNDER ATTACK FOR DEFORESTATION

**Nottingham Forest, the reigning European champions, may be without star strikers Trevor Francis and Gary Birtles for the season.**

Francis is struggling to regain his fitness, after a serious injury but, strangley, manager Brian Clough isn't too optimistic about his chances.

"Trevor won't be playing for many, many months," Clough said last week.

"I've told him this repeatedly. I don't want to be questioned by the Press on this issue every day of the week."

To replace Francis — either very seriously injured or out of favor — Clough signed Coventry's Ian Wallace.

*Clough (right) and assistant Taylor.*

*Trevor Francis.*

Now, surprisingly, he is prepared to let the gifted young Gary Birtles go, too.

Birtles has been placed on the transfer list — and may be snapped up by Ajax of Amsterdam.

Most Nottingham fans are puzzled why Birtles is allowed to go — and Clough refuses to discuss the matter.

The Supporters' Club has announced its opposition to Birtles' transfer.

"Their interference is unacceptable," Clough shot back. "This is purely my domain and my responsibility."

John Dewar, president of the Supporters' Club reacted meekly to this reprimand.

"It isn't our intention to influence Clough. We merely wanted to let him know about the feelings of our members."

Meanwhile, Ajax of Amsterdam is prepared to pay $2,000,000 for young Birtles to replenish the club's depleted stock of stars.

Ruud Krol has joined the Washington Diplomats and winger Tahamata has gone to Standard Liege of Belgium.

Birtles could add a bit of zest to this once great club's fortunes.

## OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *Another Korean star has landed in West Germany: he is Huh-Yung-Moo and he is with Bochum.*

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• *Before the season start, Bayern Munchen have played 11 friendly matches against lower division opponents, winning all and scoring 82 goals.*

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• *Franz Beckenbauer will also have his great farewell match in New York: on September 24 Cosmos will play a League XI at the Giants Stadium.*

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• *Veteran Ian Callaghan, ex-England and Liverpool, is having another season with Swansea — and may come out to Australia again in May.*

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• *Tottenham's Peter Taylor, who missed almost the whole of last season following a pelvic operation, will be fit to resume this month.*

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• *Liverpool goalie Ray Clemence — a recent guest in Australia — is rather derogatory about the 24 finalists in the next World Cup. "At least 12 of them will be there for the ride," he says. (England included...?)*

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• *Hamburg coach Branko Zebec is suffering from diabetes and may decide to return home to Yugoslavia.*

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• *Everton's gross turn-over last season was a staggering $4 million — leaving a profit of $62,000.*

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• *Ex-Manchester United manager Frank O'Farrell, lately with fourth division Torquay, is the new coach of the Al Shaab club in the United Arab Emirates — for $120,000 over two years.*

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• *One of the best Peruvian strikers, Juan Carlos Oblitas has joined the second division Belgian club FC Seresien.*

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• *In case you ever wonder how some Spanish clubs can afford to pay those extravagant fees for and to stars: last season Barcelona's average attendance was 80,000, Real Madrid's 75,000, Sevilla's 50,000, Valencia's 45,000 — and even the most modest, that of Malaga, stood at 14,000...*

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• *Piet Schrijvers, the Dutch international goalie, has signed a new three-year contract with Ajax of Amsterdam.*

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• *Norwich manager John Bond says he is not willing to pay the inflated English transfer fees for players — and will buy two Continental stars for "only" $1 million instead.*

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• *AC Milan's four internationals, Baresi, Maldera, Collovatti and Buriani, have decided to stay with the club kicked down into the second division after the "Betting Scandal" case.*

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• *Former England star Martin Peters, 36, has quit Norwich and will be player-coach and later perhaps manager of Sheffield United in the third division.*

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• *Argentina's manager Luis Cesar Menotti: "I definitely count on expatriates Kempes, Ardiles and Bertoni for the 1982 World Cup." Obviously he isn't interested in the others, such as Villa and Houseman.*

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• *Coventry's Ian Wallace has been signed by Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough.*

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• *Luis Pereira has taken his club, Atletico Madrid, to court over a contract dispute.*

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• *This is something almost unheard of in Uruguay: after 16 rounds Penarol are 6th, 12 points behind the leaders.*

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• *Uruguayan striker Fernando Morena will partner Mario Kempes in the Spanish Valencia this season.*

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• *"We have nothing against Colombia but if they cannot hold the 1986 World Cup, we are ready to step in," said last week Brazil's president Guilite Coutinho in Rio.*

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• *"France is the best team in the world — but only in friendly matches," says former French supremo, now Rumanian manager Stefan Kovacs. "In serious games, the French always lose because they hate to struggle."*

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• *Just in case you think that all players are being treated equal in Europe: salaries of Barcelona stars are, per year, Kranki $250,000, Simonsen $240,000, Asensi $160,000, Miguell $140,000 down to Ramirez and Zunzunegui, on $16,000.*

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• *Nacional of Uruguay won the South American Cup, beating Brazil's Inter Porto Alegre 1-0 in Montevideo, after a scoreless first leg match.*

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• *Lazio's president Umberto Lenzini, 68, has resigned, after 15 years at the helm.*

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• *Bogicevic, the brilliant Yugoslav star, has signed a new three-year contract with Cosmos of New York.*

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• *Austria is making serious preparations for the 1982 World Cup finals — or for at least getting there: between September '80 and November '81, the national team will play 13 matches.*

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• *Panathinaikos of Greece is determined to become the country's glamor team — they have just spent $2,500,000 on new players: Andreucci from Argentina, Duronikolae (Pitesti, Rumania), Bonic (Dinamo Zagreb, Yugoslavia), Simeoforidis (Kastoria) and Karoulias (Apollon), these last two Greek stars. Not to be outdone, AEK Athens have signed six new players, all Greeks.*

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